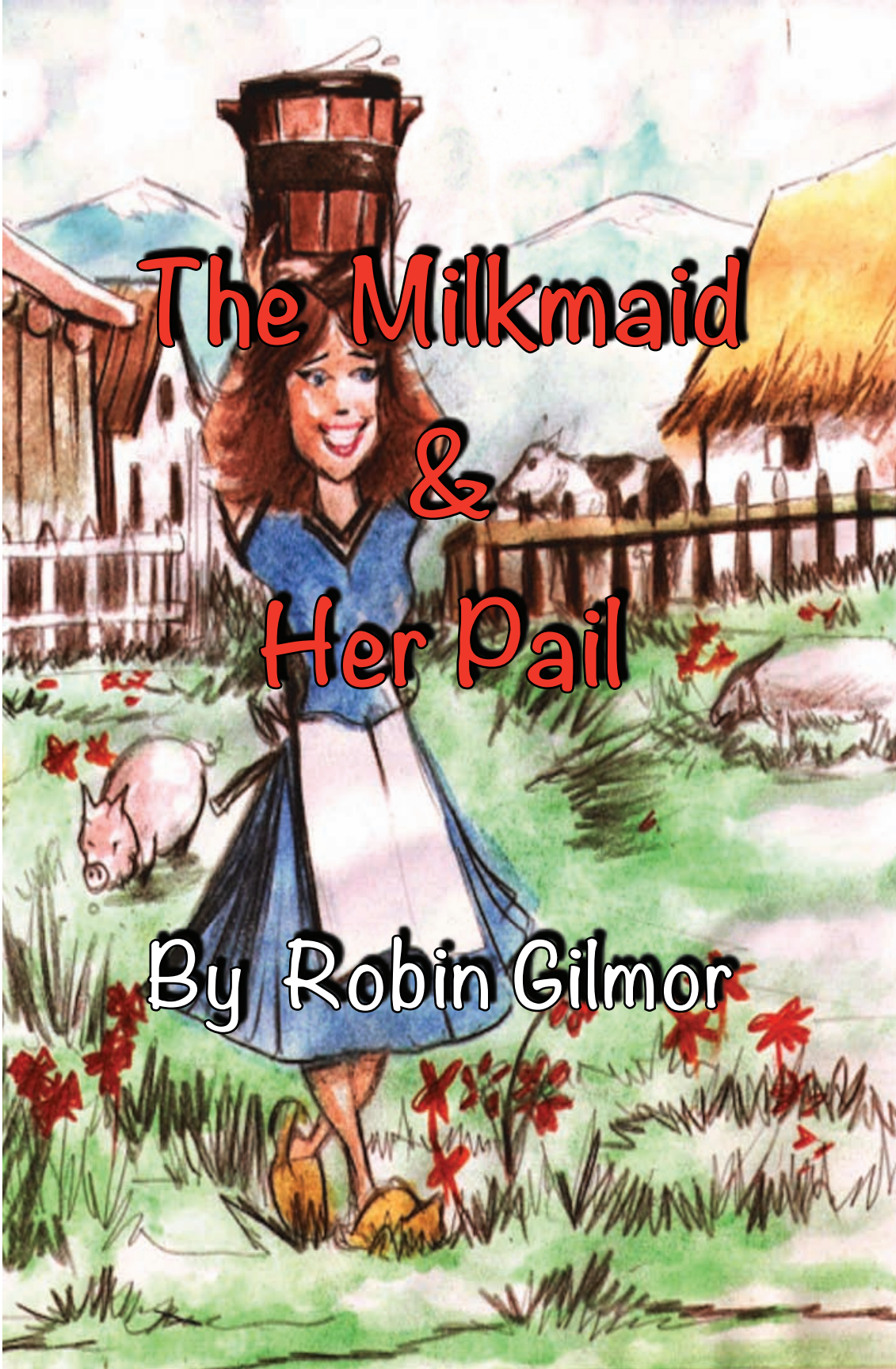
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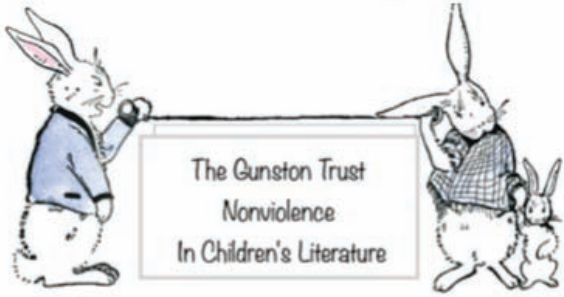


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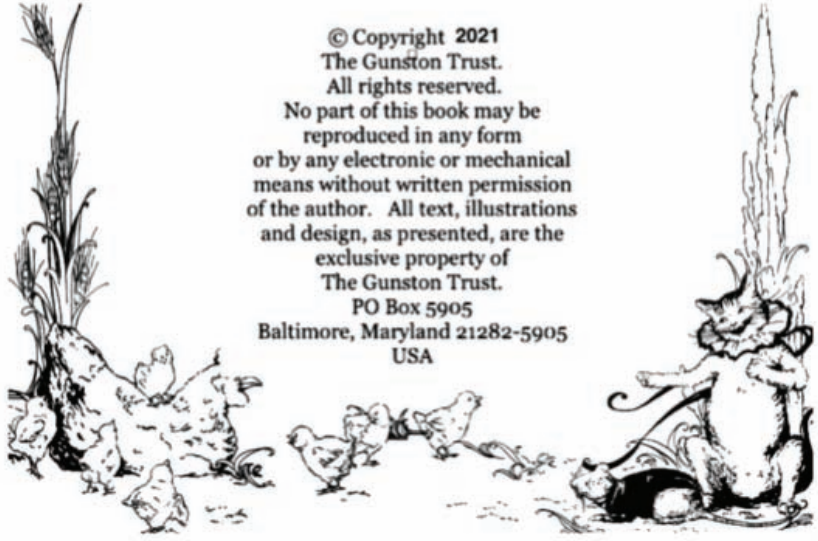

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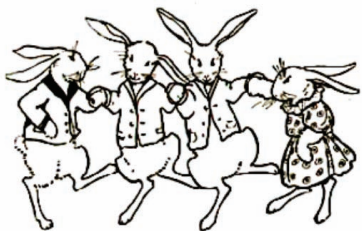

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From the dairy to market
the Milk Maiden walked

With a pail of fresh milk
balanced high on her head.

With dew on the grass,
as she walked in the morning,

"What would I love to buy,
instead of just bread?"

naid & Her Pail

Colleen's dreams were of things
she could buy with her money,

Walking into the village
with her bucket on top.

Balanced high on her head
and carried securely,

Walking with care
she did not spill a drop.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

When this fair maiden passed the seller of fowl

She thought to herself, "I could buy a few chicks.

Then I'll collect eggs and sell them each morning

to the woodcutter's wife and their family of six."

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

She continued to dream
of the things she could buy

Walking into the village
with her bucket on top,

Balanced high on her head
and carried securely

Walking with care,
she did not spill a drop.

SHOES

Next I'll buy shoes,
that are light on my feet

To dance in the village
on Saturday night.

A lovely pink color
like the first burst of sunset,

I'll be ever so lovely,
such a beautiful sight."

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

Colleen continued to dream
of the things she could buy,

Walking into the village
with her bucket on top.

Balanced high on her head
and carried securely,

Walking with care,
And not spilling a drop.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

She decided she'd buy
a very fine dress,

She thought with a smile
as she continued her walk.

"Hello," said the neighbors,
for they all knew the Milkmaid.

She smiled ever so nice,
but did not stop to talk.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

She continued to dream of
the things she would buy,

Walking into the village
with her bucket on top.

Balanced high on her
head and carried securely

Walking with care,
she did not spill a drop.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

She passed the dressmaker
with ribbons of scarlet,

A lovely silk ribbon
to wear in her hair.

"How the young boys will watch me
walk through the village,

In my lovely new clothes,
They will all stop and stare."

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

And all of the boys
will think I'm such a beauty

In this fine little village
where they all congregate.

And I'll toss my hair
in the sunlight just so. . . . .
oops!"

But alas it was not
to be her true fate.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

For the bucket of milk
balanced high on her head,

Fell to the ground
and spilled everywhere. . .

Her dreams all dried
up like the fresh morning dew.

This lovely young maiden
just stood and she stared.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

She cried and she cried as she
looked at the milk,

Gone were her dreams
to buy just a few hens,

No pink party shoes
or a lovely new dress,

No bows for her hair
to impress the young men.

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

Crying over spilt milk
is a true waste of time,

Or counting your chickens
before they have hatched

But don't crush your dreams
because of one setback

Dreams can come true,
first work hard. . . . . .then relax.

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# THE END

The Milkmaid & Her Pail

# REMEMBER...

Don't count your chickens before they have hatched!

&

Don't cry over spilt milk.

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# Aesop

It is said that Aesop was an ancient Greek story teller. He was said to have been a slave originally brought from Ethiopia, though the truth of his origin is not truly known and often a topic for scholars. He used nature to teach lessons of life, a moral, with short colorful animal stories.

The genre of early childhood reading lends itself to repetitive vocabulary often in rhyme, early reading strategy still used today.

I have taken some of my favorites and written them in verse for young enjoyment and possibly lessons learned. I truly hope you enjoy them. RG

The Author: R.F. Gilmor, is a retired teacher who always loved children's books and fairy tales. They have been her main focus for over 50 years. A mother of three and grandmother of nine, she finds her best audience for story ideas from her grandchildren. Robin lives in
Maryland with her husband and german shepherd Max.

She has written over 100 stories for children which she has decided to share. As a former teacher she uses her rhythm and rhyme in verse which aids those beginning and those who are reluctant or occasionally challenged readers.

Illustrator: Sotirios Vougiouklis, (1966 - 2015) known as 'Sotto', lived in Greece with his family. After a long and distinguished Army career, Sotto, a retired Colonel found time for his first love. . .art. Self taught since childhood, he developed his own style and methods which he shared with his students and clients. His inspiration adds greatly to the stories he illustrated with his classic sketches and modern color palette that opens the world of fantasy to young and old alike. It was an honor to work with this fine gentleman. RFG

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# Fantasy

# Building fine memories of childhood.

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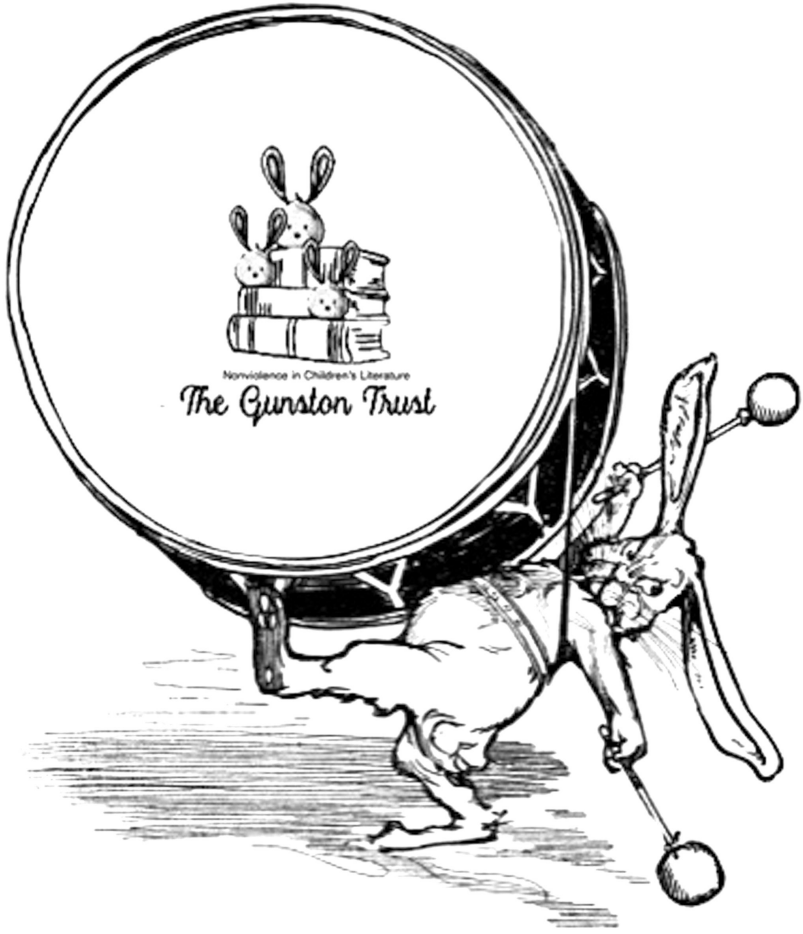
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